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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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What a wonderful time of the year it is! We are unwinding from a long and arduous year of hard work in pursuit of our various goals and the never ending quest to establish or maintain a comfortable lifestyle. Now is the time for reflecting on a year that has been good to most of us. The long hot summer is over, the harvest is in, we've been tricked or treated, the elections are thankfully over and we have given thanks for the many material things and for the peace and freedoms that we enjoy. It is now time to think of close friends and relatives and the traditional gathering of families and friends at Yuletide. Oh that we could carry that warm, affectionate, compassionate, charitable and loving feeling toward others all through the year.

Many of our Chapters have an annual Christmas social, party, dinner or other activity. I have attended many of these and they are great. Each Chapter should strive to have some type of holiday social event if for no other reason than to get all the members out at one time. You not only get to see your close friends, but chances are that you'll meet someone new that may benefit both of you in the years to come. Each Chapter has its own traditional type of party. Some have a catered dinner, others have a buffet. Some have a gift exchange and some have special programs. The South Plains Coin Club in Lubbock has a lovely dinner and a charity auction in which all of the proceeds from the auction of member-donated numismatic material goes to the local "Meals on Wheels" organization to provide hot meals to shut-in folks. Isn't that a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season?

Before I close, I want to remind you that nominations for new officers to guide, direct and manage this Association for the 1991-1993 term are due to our secretary not later than January 1. That's just a few weeks away, so you'd better get busy if you have not already done so.

Mary Jane joins me in wishing each of you a very happy holiday season. I have sincerely enjoyed the privilege of having been the president of this fine Association for the past two years. I hope that I have done the things that you expected of me and I hope that you are pleased with the direction the Association is taking. Please continue to support our organization by becoming involved and making your desires known.

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SEVERINA — THE EMPRESS

By The Late Lee Grossman • San Antonio, Texas

When the Roman Empire was in a severe depression in the mid-3rd century, it took a man like Aurelian to work the "miracle" which affected the almost complete recovery of the empire.

Ulpius Crinitus had adopted Aurelian in 258 A.D. and made him his heir. Crinitus was a celebrated general under Valerian (253-260 A.D.). He was a descendent of Trajan and "resembled him in valor and talents for war." Crinitus had a daughter, Ulpia Severus, whom he gave to Aurelian in marriage.

Where or when she was born is not known, nor is it known when she died. She did outlive her husband, who was 68 years old when he was murdered in 275 A.D.

Very little is known about this woman, except as Aurelian's empress. On her coinage, there is nothing to denote that she was a beautiful woman; on the contrary, she appears to be very stern and severe.

The minute information about her, gleaned from historians, tells about a woman with a warlike disposition. One source wrote that she followed Aurelian on his military excursions while he was emperor. That same source indicated that she was well liked by the troops because of "her kindness and her liberalities."

While Aurelian was held in high esteem by the Roman people, he has been described by some historians as a "cruel, rigid husband." He had Severina watched at all times, but apparently Severina was aware that she was being watched. It is written that "she did nothing to give the emperor an opportunity" to claim any infidelities.

Sear shows one gold Aureus as very expensive in price; four different bronze antoniniani, moderately priced; one bronze denarius, reasonably priced; and two different billon tetradracms as not very expensive.

Stevenson wrote that her gold coins were of the highest rarity; large bronze coins scarce, and base silver and small bronzes, common.

One historian wrote that Severina was the Priestess of the Temple of the Sun, (which Aurelian had rebuilt) because of the popularity of the cult of Sol.

Severina's coinage is mainly of the latter part of Aurelian's reign. Stevenson wrote that some pieces show her with Aurelian.

The coin in my collection is a bronze antoninianus in "About XF" condition, 23 mm. On the obverse side is the diademed and draped bust, resting on a crescent, facing right. The lettering, around the head, reads: "SEVERINAE AVG." The reverse shows Concordia standing right, holding a standard in each hand. The lettering reads: "CONCORDIAE MILITVM" ("Harmony of the Military"). In the field to the left of the figure is the letter "V." In exergue is "XXI."

The XXI was placed on some of the antoniniani as a mark of value. This was supposed to indicate that Aurelian had re-tariffed the coins at, for example, 1/20 of an aureus, meaning "20 of these equal 1 aureus." There are other theories about these letters, such as, the XXI (expressed in Greek numerals) indi-

cated a "content of two sesterti of ten libellae each."

My coin is similar to SEAR 3185. The obverse is different only in the name of the empress. Sear lists only SEVERINA, while mine has SEVERIANAE. On the reverse the "V" in the field could mean the fifth officina (workshop).

The information the dealer had on the coin holder was "SISCIA MINT, R.I C. 13, COHEN 8."

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NOTE TO CLUBS!!

Does your coin club issue a newsy Newsletter? Does it keep members posted on what's going on in your area and surrounding cities or across the state? Does it keep you informed of meeting dates, and special occasions planned for the club? If so, gather up a copy of each issue published in 1990 and send it to Raymond E. Whyborn, TNA president, and enter the "Best Club Newsletter" contest. This TNA award was suggested by Chris Johns, TNA secretary, and the first one was given at the 1990 TNA convention. Winner was Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio with the monthly "Gatepost," Frank Galindo, editor. Send the entry for your club to President Whyborn who will appoint a committee to review them and select a winner. His address is 411 W. Reiman, Seymour, Texas 76380-2439. It must reach him by February 1, 1991. Hurry!

SILVER CROWNS BEGIN NEW BERMUDA SERIES

Two sterling silver frosted proofs struck by the British Royal Mint are the first in a new series of commemoratives to he issued by the Bermuda Monetary Authority. Each with a face value of two dollars and offered in extremely low authorized mintages, the crown sized coins feature well-known members of Bermuda's wildlife family: the tree-frog and the cicada.

The new series of $2 silver proofs will feature examples of Bermuda's rich heritage of exotic fauna and flora. It follows the successful 5-year series of five $1 commemoratives which ended in 1989.

A country of unquestionable natural beauty, Bermuda is located approximately 580 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras and consists of about 360 small islands. Only about 20 are inhabited and most of the land and the population of 60,000 is contained in the five largest islands, the biggest of which is Hamilton

Originally discovered by and named for Juan de Bermudez, Bermuda was permanently settled almost 400 years ago when Sir George Somers and his party of colonists aboard the "Sea Venture" were shipwrecked in 1609 while en route to Virginia. Indeed, the mysterious Bermuda Triangle is infamous for its storms and it is thought that Bermuda (the Bermoothes) and the wreck of the "Sea Venture" were the inspiration for William Shakespeare's play "The Tempest," first produced in 1611.

The reverse designs of the 1990 $2 silver proofs have heen modeled by British Royal Mint engraver Robert Elderton. The tree-frog was introduced into Bermuda from the Carihbean on imported orchids around 1880. Its numhers increased rapidly and today no visitor can ignore their high-pitched chirping chorus on any warm night.

Bermuda's only cicada, a member of the locust family, differs suffi-

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FOR YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

RALPH ROSS
YOUTH CHAIRMAN

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The Clements Coin Club got off to a slow start at the beginning of the school year. The club had no returning officers so after a round-robbin election, the new 1990-1991 officers are: Calvin Morrow, president; Eddie Jacob, 1st vice president; Daniel Harris, 2nd vice president; Parikshet Babber, secretary; Nicole Nance, treasurer; Kenny Dawkins, historian; and Melissa Novakosky and Karen Stokes, co-editors.

Seventeen new students applied for membership during the first two weeks of school. For this year's coin clinic, the students selected the Benjamin Franklin half dollar minted from 1948 through 1963. Each year members have an objective to choose a coin and learn as much as possible about it. They are to complete a general collection of that coin using the Whitman Blue Book. This has proven very educational as the study of coins teaches numismatic terms, grading, preserving, record keeping and overall value of coins.

Last year a freshman, Mark Messick, was the first club member to complete the Ike Dollar Educational Project. Mark's efforts enabled him

Members of the Clements Coin Club are shown at a general meeting. THE GROUP WISHES ALL TNA MEMBERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

to assemble a collection of Ike dollars and earned for him the "TOP" award. In conjunction with the Benjamin Franklin coin project, the members of the Clements club are competing with one another in an essay contest.

The members would like to especially thank Paul Garner and Sonny Toupard for their generous donation of Franklin halves.

Mark Messick, seated, looks over a coin price-trend book with Calvin Morrow, newly elected president of the Clements Coin Club of Sugar Land. Mark is a sophmore and Calvin is a junior.

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Pray for our servicemen and women in the Gulf and throughout the world that are on constant vigil to protect our way of life and to ensure our freedom. It is a lonely time for them and a stressful time for their families.

To each of you and yours we say, "Merry Christmas," "Feliz Navidad" or "Shalom Aleichem." May God be with each of you.

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You will perhaps remember that in last month's message I mentioned a number of annual awards which TNA makes to clubs and individual members So, here are listed two more

An award which, since its inception, has been furnished by former TNA District 1 Governor, Morris Johnson, is to honor the memory of a former close friend and District I Governor, Col. Raymond E. Darrah. Fittingly, the award is named for, now deceased, Col. Darrah and is awarded to that TNA Chapter member which has the highest percentage of club members as TNA members This award was begun by Morris to encourage TNA membership among the clubs at the local level. If you think your club might qualify you must contact the TNA secretary for verification of membership in TNA. You don't have much time left for this one so get busy.

If you know of one, two or three TNA members whom you feel are truly outstanding, and who have over the years continued to make outstanding contributions to numismatics at the state and or national levels, perhaps you would care to nominate that individual for selection into the TNA Hall of Fame. A committee of three makes the selection and certainly any TNA member may recommend any other TNA member to that honored position. If you wish to make a nomination please send your suggestion to the **TNA NEWS** Editor, Miriam Gilmore. You have just a month left for this one. And your recommendation may he for one or more members.

And don't forget, there is still time to make a nomination of some worthy member for the Reagan award. Suggestions are always appreciated and well received. Send these to President Ray Whyborn.

May each of you have a most wonderful holiday season. We have so much for which to he thankful and grateful in this great land of ours. May God care for you and yours and keep all of you in good health and good fortune in the coming year.

India's anna is not a modern denomination. It dates back to the 18th Century as a coin and to the 17th Century as a money weight

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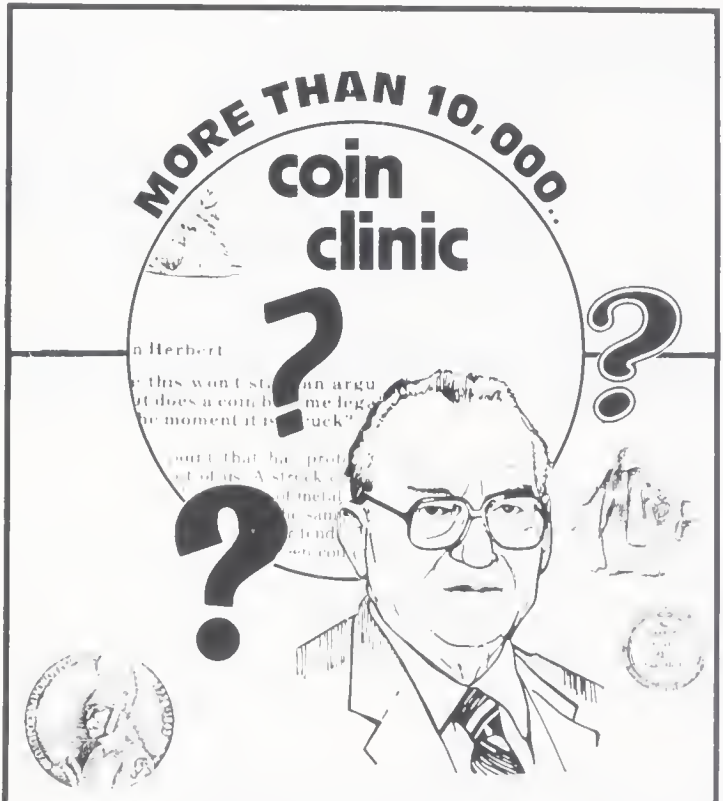

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Welcome to our new members 5544-5560 and to Chapter members C-212 and C-213. If approved, the following will become members January 1, 1991.

5561 Nicholas T. Economopoulos, P.O. Box 199, Holicong, Pa. 18928. Dealer in Ancients. Sonny Toupard.

5562 D-06 Patricia Locke, P.O. Box #1, Channelview, TX 77530. American Coins, Fractional Currency. R. D. Grauke.

5563 D-07 Rocky Rockholt, 1614 Beauchamp Dr., San Antonio, TX 78231. Paper Money and Elongated Coins. Raymond E. Whyborn.

5564 D-05 Bob Holladay, dba Valley Coin Shop, 14 Lamar Ave., Paris, TX 76460. Dealer in World Coins. Secretary's Office.

5565 D-13 William E. McCue, P.O. Box 4, Burkburnett, TX 76354. U. S. and World Coins. Raymond E. Whyborn.

VIP: Raymond E. Whyborn

Donations: to $49.99 Richard L. Gilbert, ANA Correspondence Course for Junior member.

$50.00 Pasadena Coin Club (C-36) in memory of Joe Johnson.

$50.00 Bellaire Coin Club (C-68) in memory of Joe Johnson.

(Both donations earmarked for the TNA Memorial Library)

The Association thanks these members for their generous contributions and assures them that the funds will be used for the purposes they instructed.

NOTE: Dues notices will be in the mail by the time you get this. A new method of dues notices is in effect this year. Your prompt response will be most gratefully appreciated.

Your officers are always trying to find ways to conserve the to conserve the Association's funds, and the bulk rate mailing is just another in the many ways that have been implemented. Your return of your dues check promptly will negate the necessity for a second mailing!

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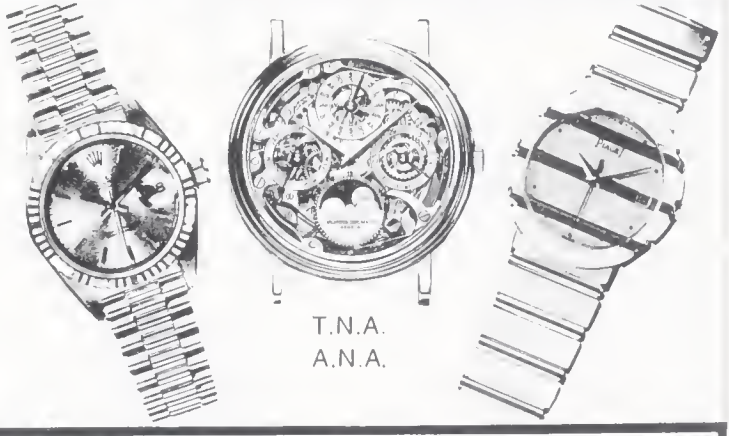

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Balance on Hand as of Oct. 31, 1990		5,629.50*

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Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of their bed,
For this was Texas, what more need be said,
When all of a sudden, from out of the still night,
There came such a ruckus, it gave me a fright.

And I saw 'cross the prairie, like a shot from a gun,
A loaded up buckboard, come on at a run.
The driver was "Geein" and "Hawin," with a will.
The horses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill.

"Come on there Buck, Poncho & Prince, to the right,
There'll be plenty of travelin' for you all tonight."
The driver in Levi's and a shirt that was red,
Had a ten-gallon Stetson on top of his head.

As he stepped from the buckboard, he was really a sight,
With his beard and moustache, so curly and white,
As he burst in the cabin, the children awoke.
And were so astonished, that neither one spoke.

And he filled up their boots, with such presents galore,
That neither could think of a single thing more.
When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws,
He asked in a whisper, "Are you really Santa Claus?"

"Am I the real Santa? Well, what do you think?"
And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink.
Then he leaped in his buckboard, and called back in his drawl,
"To all the children in Texas, Merry Christmas, You-all."

EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 11-13
TEXAS COIN DEALERS ASSN., annual show, Doubletree Hotel, Austin. **BOURSE:** Dick Mowrey, 3105 Yellowpine Terrace, Austin 78757, 512 453-7530.

JANUARY 25-27
GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, MONEY SHOW, Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston. **WRITE:** Sonny Toupard, Box 1022, Crosby 77001.

FEBRUARY 9
HIDALGO COIN CLUB, 3rd annual Coin & Collectible show, Ranchero Village, 1900 S. Bridge, Weslaco. **CONTACT:** Rod Bates, Box 13052, Port Isabel 78578, 512 542-1409.

FEBRUARY 16-17
MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, Ft. Worth. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180.

FEBRUARY 22-24
INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, annual show, Rodeway Inn, El Paso. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

FEBRUARY 23-24
DALLAS COIN CLUB, coin show, Airport Inn, Irving. **CONTACT:** Paul Garner, Box 224584, Dallas 75222-4584, 214 262-4491.

HAVING A SHOW?

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MARCH 9-10
HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Hunt County Justice Center, 2700 Johnson St., Greenville. **CALL** 214 883-2091.

MARCH 15-17
INTERCONTINENTAL COIN & CARD SHOW, Airport Hilton **CONTACT:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

MARCH 16-17
GARLAND COIN CLUB, 27th annual show, Quality Inn, Dallas Northeast, 13700 LBJ Freeway. **BOURSE:** Tim Lee, Box 851181, Richardson 75085-1181, 214 234-3929.

MARCH 23-24
SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. **BOURSE:** Frank Hezmall, Box 53333, Lubbock 79453, 806 798-2919.

MARCH 23-24
WACO COIN CLUB, annual show. Details later.

MARCH 30
SILSBEE COIN CLUB, Coin & Collectibles Show, Community Center, Hiway 96. **BOURSE:** Box 1676, Silsbee 77656.

APRIL 5-7
TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston. **WRITE:** Al Lora, 2022 Ottawa Lane, Houston 77043.

APRIL 20-21
VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB, 30th annual show. Holiday Inn. **WRITE:** Graves L. Ronse, [illegible] Airline, Victoria 77901.

MAY 3-5

MONROE, LA, AREA COIN CLUB, annual show. Convention Center, West Monroe, LA. WRITE: S.A. Kitchell, 1418 Elizabeth, West Monroe, LA. 71291

MAY 11-12

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, Collector's Show, Coliseum WRITE: Club, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404

MAY 18-19

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, annual show. Seven Oaks Motor Hotel, 1400 Austin Hiway, WRITE: Club, Box 12964, San Antonio 78212-0964.

JUNE 7-9

CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB, 19th annual show. Palmer Auditorium, S. 1st & Riverside, Austin. BOURSE: Dick Mowrey, Box 9057, Austin 78766, 512 453-7565.

JULY 27-28

ARK-LA-TEX COIN & CARD EXPOSITION, Civic Center, 1620 Benton Rd., Bossier City, LA WRITE: Shreveport Coin Club, Box 492, Shreveport, LA 71162

AUGUST 24-25

SUMMER COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, Ft. Worth WRITE: Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Lock, Ft. Worth 76180.

SEPTEMBER 14-15

TYLER COIN CLUB, 11th annual show. Harvey Convention Center WRITE: Club, Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT IV –

Dr Robert Greenwood
Governor

Plans for the annual December banquet and the 1991 Money Mart were discussed at the meeting of **Austin Texas Coin Club** with 14 present. The Money Mart has been set for September 21-22 at the Airport Hilton.

Moton Crockett III gave a report on the 193 A.D. "Sale" of the Roman Empire at an "auction," and estimates of the value of the "sale" in ancient Roman sestersi. He also gave the value in modern gold, silver and copper. Some of the Roman denarii was exhibited.

— Robert Greenwood, Gov. Dist. 4.

DISTRICT V –

Frank Clark
Governor

Members of the **Garland Coin Club, Inc.** voted to make a donation of $50 to the U.S. Navy Memorial in memory of a past member, Commander C.C. Andrews, who died this past July. A special thank you went to Mike Walc for his donation of a VHS video tape of the salvage of the S.S. Central America shipwreck. The tape is available to all club members to be checked out through the secretary.

An auction highlighted the meeting night with 39 lots up for sale. Jerri Strong was to give a program on "Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cents" at the next meeting.

— Jim Jeska, Sec.

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March 9-10 are the dates selected by the **Hunt County Coin Club** of Greenville for the annual coin show which will also feature jewelry, baseball cards and other collectibles. The show will be held at the Hunt County Justice Center, 2700 Johnson St., and for information, call 214/883-2091.

The club now has a new meeting location, the Hunt County Justice Center, same location as the show. Members meet on the first Thursday and visitors are welcome.

— Myra Craven, Sec.

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William Anderson presented a study on "Home Security" to members of the **Dallas Coin Club** and provided them with information containing burglary facts and tips on how one can improve home security. He asked members to make a survey at their homes as if a break-in was about to occur, then remedy the trouble spots. Most often a burglar will try the back door first. He also pointed out that answering

machines are good, but not to go into detail about where you are or how long you will be gone.

Nineteen members were present and guests, Robert and Virginia Riser, John Crevisten Jr. and Sharon Reddick, were welcomed. Betty Hackney was the winner of the drawing for a proof set.

— Barbara de Anda, Sec.

DISTRICT VI —

Carl Fogarty
Governor

A program on ancient coins was presented by Gerald Kendall at the meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club.**

Carl Fogarty announced that the club picnic was to be held November 4 at Bear Creek Park. It was decided that exhibits would be eliminated for the 1991 Money Show in January but members would have a chance to exhibit at the April 1991 TNA convention.

Included in the monthly newsletter was an article by Bob Jones on "Platinum, the King of Precious Metals." Al Loja was to give a program on "Inflation in the U.S." at the next meeting.

— The Double Shift.

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Bellaire Coin Club will host the annual Christmas dinner on December 7, but the location was still to be determined

The Bellaire club newsletter noted that club activities seemed to have been reduced due to a new location and a new meeting night, changing from the first and third Mondays to the first and third Fridays. The club had been meeting at the Bellaire library which is now being renovated and during that period is meeting at Feld Park Scout House.

— Newsletter.

DISTRICT VII —

Frank Galindo
Governor

Harold Eiserloh gave a program on his recent coin acquisitions at the meeting of the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio which included the following: a coin of ancient Syria under the rule of Alexander the Great; a coin of ancient Athens; one from Parthia which is now a part of Iran; pieforts (double thickness coins); German states' coinage; and porcelain notgeld of the inflation era of Germany.

Scheduled for the next meeting was a round of Coin World Trivia and a mini-auction.

— The Alamo News.

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Seventeen members of the **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio were present for the educational program presented by Officer Sylvia McGowan of the San Antonio Police Department Crime Prevention Unit. Officer McGowan kept the members' attention with some tips on how to protect our collectibles. She covered topics such as home security, ACT (Arrest Car Thieves), and the Good Neighbor Program

Doc Grover invited members to visit his coin supply shop in

Universal City and gave each a card entitling them to a 20% discount on all supplies available in his shop plus a "freebie" as long as the supply lasts.

For winning attendance prizes in the past few months, future mini-programs will be given by Ray Tate, Jerry Moy, Elizabeth Swain, Walter Clavette, Bob Downs, Harold Eiserloh, Ray Angstadt and Robert Lacewell. — **The Gatepost.**

DISTRICT VIII —

Ouida Davis
Governor

Ouida Davis, District 8 governor, updated the members of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** on the recent TNA mid-year meeting held in Austin. She gave an overview of the various items of business discussed and acted upon.

The new currency display assembled by the club is now at the International Bank and as Bill Bailey and John Smolik were putting it together, positive comments were overheard. This is an on-going project for club members and the exhibit is changed every month.

The program in November was to be a slide show on "Goldfever."

— **Newsletter.**

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DISTRICT IX —

E. L. Pitzer
Governor

Frank Hezmall has been named bourse chairman for the 31st annual coin show sponsored by the **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock to be held March 23-24 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 — 6th St. Hezmall can be contacted at Box 53333, Lubbock 79453, 806 798-2919.

Thirty-one members and three guests were present for the monthly meeting when David Bray gave a program on "Double Die Coins." David displayed examples of the 1955 double-die Lincoln cent and others from his collection. An auction followed conducted by Jim Hall and Sharon Rice. Merell Riggin won the door prize.

A report on the ANA Grading Seminar was given by Ben Melot who attended the seminar during the ANA convention in Seattle. He said anyone interested in buying, selling or collecting coins should attend a grading session. Club president, Bill Bevers, appointed a nominating committee to select 1991 officers, and plans were discussed for the annual Christmas party.

— **E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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"Collecting Souvenir Cards" was the subject discussed by Lamonte Pitzer at the meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield. He displayed several examples of

cards printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

After the program and a short business meeting, refreshments were served. Pitzer and Larry Sanderson won the door prizes.

— E. L. Pitzer,
Gov. Dist. 9.

DISTRICT XI —

Nela Runkle
Governor

The annual Christmas party hosted by the **Amarillo Coin Club** will be held December 16 at the Sirloin Stockade and members were to vote on the type of menu preferred.

Diane Morie was in charge of the program and showed a slide set on "The Do's and Don'ts of Coin Collecting" with a taped narrative by Bill Fivaz.

Winners of door prizes were Jared Hoskins and Nela Runkle.

At a prior meeting, Dave Cervin discussed "The Early Christian Symbolism on Coins" and door prize winners were Jessie Marie Caylor and Lisa Thompson.

— **Nela Runkle,**
Gov. Dist. 11.

DISTRICT XIII —

The **Red River Coin Club** voted to move club meetings back to Iowa Park instead of downtown Wichita Falls beginning in November. The club members were also putting finishing touches to plans for the November 17-18 coin show at the Wichita Falls Activity Center.

E. B "Robby" Robinson gave a program on proof coins describing how they are manufactured and tracing their history from the first striking in 1817 until the present. He stressed that "proof" is a method of manufacture and not a condition as many incorrectly believe. Robinson also conducted the 18-lot auction.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn,**
Reporter.

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A program on different methods used to hold, store and display coins was given by Gene Wheeler at the meeting of the **Seymour Coin Club.** He related his experiences using different types of holders and their effect on coins. He also related how many collections he appraises and or purchases.

Ray Whyborn gave a short report on the semi-annual TNA board of director's meeting held in Austin in September and reported on activities of the **Austin Coin Club** Money Mart.

During a later meeting, the club decided to forego its structured meetings and convert to a numismatic study group format similar to the San Antonio group. The change will take place in January.

Wheeler gave a talk on the possible change in the design of U.S. coins. A bill is currently being worked on in the Congress which has a very good chance of passage this year. Our coins range from 25 to 80 years and are considered ugly by the rest of the world and boring to our youth. He stressed the fact that we need to learn more about our coins and a need to get more youth interested in collecting.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn,**
Reporter.

TNA President Ray Whyborn gave an illustrated program on collecting world paper money at the meeting of the **Cotton Country Coin Club** of Rule. He showed examples of small cardboard paper money used in Mexico, Poland and in World Wars I and II prison camps. He also showed some of the largest paper money ever used from the USSR in the early 1920's. Also shown was his collection of World War II "Short Snorter" notes using world paper money only.

Del Vernon conducted the auction and also furnished refreshments. Winning the door prize was Bill Gann.

— Raymond E. Whyborn, Reporter.

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The Wichita Falls Stamp and Coin Club is seeking a new meeting place beginning in January as the North Texas Federal Savings & Loan is now under new ownership.

Joe Seal, club president, circulated two PCGS graded Bust half dollars among members. He had blocked out the PCGS grade and asked members to "grade" them. Most agreed that the slabs were grossly undergraded for the series.

Conducting the auction was Bill McCue, and Woody Taylor provided refreshments.

— Raymond E. Whyborn, Reporter.

HOUSTON IN 1991!

DISTRICT XIV -

Helen Snider
Governor

Rod Bates presented a special program on "Metal Detecting" for **Hidalgo Coin Club** members beginning with a "hunt" of the grounds of Peoples Church. Twenty-seven members participated and seven brought detectors. Finds ranged from pull-tabs and nails to "pennies," a Buffalo nickel and a silver quarter. Rod then gave the Do's and Don'ts of metal detecting and told some of his experiences.

A sandwich supper was enjoyed by all and an auction was held after a short business session.

— Helen Snider, Gov. Dist. 14.

DISTRICT XV —

Dewey L. Scott
Governor

A report on the September coin show co-sponsored by the **Beaumont Coin Club** and the **Port Arthur Coin Club** was given at the meeting by Art Larkin. He said everyone seemed pleased with the show.

Ken Seholm presented a program on Coin Trivia with seven questions, one being "What coin has no indication it was made in the U.S.?" (Answer: 1859 Dime)

Door prize winners were George Fortune, Seholm, Bill Stein and Rex Woodard.

— Rosemary B. Moore.

Five new members were welcomed into the **Port Arthur Coin Club** and include Larry Sloan, Tim Chapman, David Ladd, J. W. McManus and Ceyril Paulus.

A nominating committee was appointed for 1991 officers and serving are Ray Ganaway, Jerry Williams and Gerry Gerald. Ten Red Books from 1962 to 1971 were donated to the Port Arthur Library.

Winning door prizes were Elanor Loukas, Ray Ganaway, Gerry Gerald and David Ladd.

— Dollars & Cents.

DISTRICT XVII —

John Holt was appointed by the **Waco Coin Club, Inc.** to plan the annual Christmas party and club members expressed interest in sponsoring a charity auction with coins being donated. Also during the business meeting conducted by Bill Law, plans were discussed for the 1991 coin and stamp show, a joint venture with the **Waco Heart of Texas Stamp Club.**

Bill Bethke was scheduled to speak on his antique coin-operated bank collection but was unable to attend the meeting. An auction concluded the meeting.

— J. P. Jones, TNA Reporter.

ANCIENT COINS HIGHLIGHTED

Tips on how to begin collecting ancient coins — a currently rising field numismatic of interest — are in the November issue of the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) monthly journal, ***The Numismatist.***

"Have you ever thought about collecting ancient coins but have not known where to begin?" author Thomas A. Palmer Jr. says at the beginning of his feature article, 'Forming a Representative Set of Ancient Coins.'

"Learning about coins struck over a period of more than a millennium by unfamiliar cities and empires may seem difficult at first," Palmer writes. "But, once you own your first ancient coin, you'll find it all worthwhile."

Palmer, who began collecting ancient coins nine years ago and completed the ANA's Roman Coin Project in 1988, notes that each ancient coin is "unique." He then takes the reader through Greek, Roman and Byzantine coinage dating from 600 B.C. to 1055 A.D.

The November issue of **The Numismatist,** in its 103rd year of publication and sent free to ANA members throughout the world, also includes **First Strike,** a quarterly magazine supplement designed especially for the young and emerging collector.

The November issue of **The Numismatist** also includes:

* Douglas McDonald's cover story, "Hell in a Silver Mine," about a medal struck for a hero who saved Nevada silver miners in 1882.

* Stephen Epstein's feature article, "An Awakening in Barber Coin Collecting," about how advances in numismatic technology have brought recognition to this long neglected series.

* Joseph E. Boling's article, "Exhibiting Foreign Paper Money," about the challenges in displaying the colorful bank notes issued by foreign governments.

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KM 546.1, George I 1723 ... VF $645
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KM 588, George II 1760 .... VF $445
KM 600, George III 1766 ... VF $295

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KM 923, Elizabeth II 1983 ..... $340

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1882S,
XF = $195; ..... 84M XF+ $245
KM 7,
Young Head 1879S ..... AU $430
1879M, 1883M, 1886M ... AU $305
1874M, 1876M, 1877M ... AU $330
KM 10, Jubilee 1893S ..... AU $270
1888M, 1891S, 1892M .... AU $260
1891M,
XF = $170, 1891S ..... VF $140
KM 13, Veiled 1900S ..... XF $155
1897M, 1899M, 1900M ... BU $205
KM 15,
Edward VII 1902M ..... BU $145
1907M, 1909S,
1910M CH ..... BU $165
1904M, 1905P, 1908P ..... AU $135
KM 29, George V 1918S .... AU $125
1912S, 1915S CH ..... BU $155
KM 32, George V 1931P .... BU $170
Canada: George V
1911C CH ..... BU $295
1911C, 1918C ..... BU $245
G.B.: George IV 1829 ..... XF $670
KM 696 1829 ..... VF $195
KM 717, William IV 1831 .. VF $295
1832, XF = $620,
1832 ..... VF $195
KM 736.1 Victoria 1860 .... VF $245
1851, CH ..... AU $395
63' ..... VF $135
KM 736.2 Shield 1869 ..... AU $270
KM 752 Young Head,
1871 CH BU = $365;
1872 ..... $305
KM 767 Jubilee 1888 ..... AU $145
KM 785 Veiled 1896 ..... XF $120
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1958 CH ..... BU $130
1962, 1966 CH ..... BU $130
1959, 1962, 1966 ..... BU $120
KM 919, Eliz. II 1983 ..... PR $140
1974, 1976, 1981 CH ..... BU $130
KM 943, Eliz. II 1985 ..... PR $195
KM 956, 500th Anniv.
1989 ..... PR $270
INDIA George V 1918I .... BU $195
KM 525A, 1918I CH ..... BU $240
1918I, XF = $170 18I ..... AU $195
S. AFRICA. George V
1925SA ..... AU $130
KM 21, 1927SA, 1928SA ... AU $130

BRITISH HALF SOVEREIGNS

Australia: KM 14 1908S .... XF $123
KM 28, George V 1914S .... BU $128
1915P, AU = $133; 15S .... AU $103
1914S, 1915S CH ..... BU $148
G.B.: Victoria 1878 ..... AU $223
KM 735.2 Shield 1883 ..... XF $148
KM 735.2 Die E ..... 1880 XF $123
KM 766, Jubilee 1887 ..... AU $113
1887, CH BU = $143;
1892 ..... XF $ 98
KM 784, Veiled 1895 ..... XF $ 73
KM 784 Edward VII 1910 .. VF $ 63
1902, 1907, 1908, 1910 .... BU $ 98
1904, 1907, 1910 ..... AU $ 83
1909, 1910 CH ..... BU $118
KM 118 George V 1911 .... AU $ 83
1912, 1913, 1914 CH ..... BU $118
KM 929, Eliz. II 1980 ..... PR $ 98
1982, GEM BU = $88.
1983 ..... PR $ 98
KM 942, Eliz. II 1986 ..... PR $123
KM 955, 500th Anniv
1989 ..... PR $163
S. Africa, Geo. V 1926 SA . BU $108
KM 20: 1925SA, 1926SA .. AU $ 98
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2. When and where are club meetings held?
3. Types of programs usually held.
4. Describe any special programs held during the year.
5. Did your club have any special guests during the year?
6. Do you have numismatic exhibits at your club meetings, and or, has your club exhibited at any special events or functions? Please list and describe the occasion of any special exhibiting your club has done during the year.
7. Has your club made an effort to be involved in local civic projects? Include and describe any charitable activities, and or, donations.
8. Describe how your club meetings, and coin shows, if you hold any, are publicized.
9. During the past year, did your club or any member, have any special honor bestowed?
10. Describe any efforts your club has made to further and encourage numismatics, and to increase interest in the club.
11. During the past year what has your club done to encourage junior membership and participation in numismatics.
12. In what ways does your club encourage junior membership and participation in numismatics?
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2 Certificate of Indebtedness issued by the San Antonio Clearing House, March 7, 1933 I have a $10, $5 and $1, all I've heard of ..... each $125.00

3 Borger Daily Herald Scrip, 50¢, $1, $2 Issued to employees, March 4, 1933. Again, only ones I've seen . . . each $150

4 Borger Clearing House Association, 50¢ and 25¢, March 7, 1933 Only two known (?) Your pick $150.00

5 City of Weatherford $1, undated, same type scrip. Unique? $150.00

6 Floyd County (Floydada) small West Texas farming community Trade stimulator Have seen about six of these Here are two 50¢ and $1 00 ..... each $65 00

7 Groveton Ice Company, Groveton, coupon book for 12½, 25 and 50 lbs. ice Total of 1,000 pounds. Maybe one of you OLD old-timers can recall the price of ice in the 1930's $35 00

8 Coupon Books Texla Lumber Co. Store, Mauriceville, Texas, contains $10, $5, $4 $3, or $2 in coupons ..... each $25.00

9 $15 Coupon Book, Austwell, Texas, Austin-McDowell Co undated but looks "1900" $35.00

10 Wilson Mercantile Co., Wilson, Texas, undated $5 and $10 coupon book ..... each $35.00

11 Another Booklet, Lawlion & Williamson, Moody, Texas $45.00

12 And the last one W H Acklin, Santa Rita, New Mexico Ever been to Santa Rita? Imagine what it was in the 1920's when this was used $45 00

13 E & A Fecci, Staple & Fancy Groceries San Antonio Card to be punched with each purchase and when fully punched, somebody had $5 in merchandise $15 00

14 Sears Roebuck & Co Exchange Certificate for $5. Accumulate $100 and they were spendable in the Sears catalog A letter from Sears to an old buddy of mine states the Spring Catalog of 1904 first issued them and stopped in 1907 ..... $25 00

15 First National Bank of Temple Scrip of 1907 Depression (yeah, about every 20-25 years) $1, $5 and $10 Your choice $65 00

16 Ration Check, April 6, 1945, Transfer at Union National Bank, Houston, 408 ration points transferred from W T Carter & Bro to The Phelan Co Ever seen one of these? $30.00

17 City Warrant, City of Colorado Texas, $38, Jan. 11, 1888 How large was the town in 1888 and how close the Indians? Have a couple of these ..... each $25 00

18 Generic Bank Holiday Scrip. No other bank or city has the Texas state capital depicted and the state seal Fine quality work One is green, one orange and one brown printing, each marked "Specimen" and "1933" in ink Somewhere I got the idea these were $10, $20 and $1 I dunno!! ..... each $50 00

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